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| In re application of: Bhupender S. Minhas, et al. U. S. Scrial No.: 10/773,789 |) | Before the Examiner Krishnan S. Menon |
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| Filed: February 6, 2004 |) | |
| For: PROCESS FOR THE RECOVERY OF SULFURIC |) | Confirmation Number: 7911 |
| ACID USING POLYMERIC MEMBRANES |) | Group Art Unit: 1723 |
| | Ś | Family Number: P2003J011-US2 (PEP-0404) |
| Commissioner for Patents | | |
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Transmittal herewith is an amendment/response in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made, if and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$\(\frac{450.00}{100}\) to extend the time for filing this response until September 11, 2006.

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